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LETTER DATED 13 FEBRUARY 1991 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE
OF IRAQ TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

On instructions from my Government, I have the honour to transmit to you herewith a letter dated 13 February 1991 from the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Iraq concerning the heinous crime committed by the United States when, early today, 13 February 1991, it deliberately bombed a shelter for civilian inhabitants of the Amiriyah area of Baghdad in which there were 400 civilians, most of them women, children and elderly persons.

I should be grateful if you would have this letter and its annex circulated as a document of the Security Council.

(Signed) Abdul Amir A. AL-ANBARI
Ambassador
Permanent Representative

Annex

Letter dated 13 February 1991 from the Deputy Prime Minister
and Minister for Foreign Affairs of Iraq addressed to the
Secretary-General

I have the honour to inform you and all the Members of the United Nations that early today, 13 February 1991, the United States, NATO and Zionist forces of aggression that have been waging their squalid war against Iraq for four successive weeks committed a vile and heinous crime by deliberately bombing a shelter for civilians, located in the Amiriyah area of Baghdad, in which there were at the time about 400 civilians, most of them women, children and elderly persons.

Foreign networks and press correspondents present in Baghdad were witnesses to the crime. The heinous crime in question is to be added to the dismal criminal record of the United States, NATO and Zionist aggression against our steadfast and combatant people, a record that has come to be generally understood by all fair and honest men in the world despite all the frenzied efforts being made by the Governments of the States participating in the aggression to obscure the facts, to lie and to deceive. We call upon the United Nations and upon you personally to condemn this heinous crime and to take action to expose the true facts concerning the aggression launched against Iraq by the traditional axes of imperialism and colonialism under the leadership of the United States of America. The concealment of such crimes would be recorded against the United Nations as a mark of disgrace. In this connection, we must recall that those States which voted in the Security Council in favour of resolution 678 (1990) bear a particular legal, political and moral responsibility for such crimes, because they, in their submission to the will of the United States and in their consent to that disgraceful resolution, opened the way for the greatest criminal, namely the United States, to commit them. They shall continue to bear this responsibility as long as they fail to adopt an honourable and resolute stance for a halt to the aggression and to the crimes against humanity being committed by the United States.

All of those contributing to such crimes, both those who gave permission for them and those who proceeded to perpetrate them, the Iraqi people holds fully responsible for them before history and humanity.

Tariq AZIZ
Deputy Prime Minister and
Minister for Foreign Affairs
